

Amendments to the Specification:

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/050134, filed January 13, 2005, which claims priority of German Patent Application No. 10 2004 006830.5, filed February 11, 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention**

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2. **Discussion of Background Information**

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a cosmetic or dermatological self-tanning composition which comprises dihydroxyacetone and more than 5 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of glycerin.

In one aspect, the composition may comprise more than 8 % by weight of glycerin.

In another aspect, the weight ratio of dihydroxyacetone and glycerin may be smaller than 1 : 1. For example, the weight ratio may be from 0.05 : 1 to 0.9 : 1.

In yet another aspect, the composition may further comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers. For example, the one or more O/W emulsifiers may comprise at least one emulsifier selected from polyethoxylated esters of fatty acids having a chain length of from 10 to 30 carbon atoms and a degree of ethoxylation of from 5 to 100, esters of saturated, unbranched fatty acids with monomethoxylated glucose or polyglycerols and sodium cetearyl sulfate, glyceryl stearate, glyceryl isostearate, glyceryl diisostearate, glyceryl oleate, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl myristate, glyceryl lanolate and glyceryl laurate.

In another aspect, the one or more O/W emulsifiers may comprise a polyethoxylated ester of stearic acid and/or a polyethoxylated castor oil.

In a still further aspect, the composition may further comprise at least one coemulsifier selected from fatty alcohols having a chain length of from 10 to 40 carbon atoms such as, e.g., cetearyl alcohol.

In another aspect, the composition may comprise less than 5 % by weight of one or more UV filter substances, based on the total weight of the composition.

The present invention also provides a cosmetic or dermatological self-tanning composition which comprises dihydroxyacetone and glycerin in a weight ratio of from 0.05 : 1 to 0.9 : 1.

In one aspect, the composition may comprise more than 8 % by weight of glycerin.

In another aspect, the composition may further comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers such as, e.g., one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from polyethoxylated esters of fatty acids having a chain length of from 10 to 30 carbon atoms and a degree of ethoxylation of from 5 to 100, esters of saturated, unbranched fatty acids with monomethoxylated glucose or polyglycerols, and sodium cetearyl sulfate, glyceryl stearate, glyceryl isostearate, glyceryl diisostearate, glyceryl oleate, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl myristate, glyceryl lanolate and glyceryl laurate.

The present invention also provides an oil-in-water emulsion which comprises a composition of the present invention as set forth above, including the various aspects thereof.

In one aspect, a droplet size of the inner phase of the emulsion may be larger than 500 nm, for example, larger than 1,000 nm.

The present invention also provides a method of providing skin with a natural tanned color. The method comprises applying to skin comprises a composition of the present invention as set forth above, including the various aspects thereof, in an amount which is sufficient to provide a tanned color.

The present invention also provides a method of producing a dihydroxyacetone containing cosmetic or dermatological self-tanning composition which provides a natural tanned color. The method comprises the incorporation into the composition of an amount of glycerin which is sufficient for the composition to provide a natural skin color when it is applied to skin.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION